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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated June 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks: